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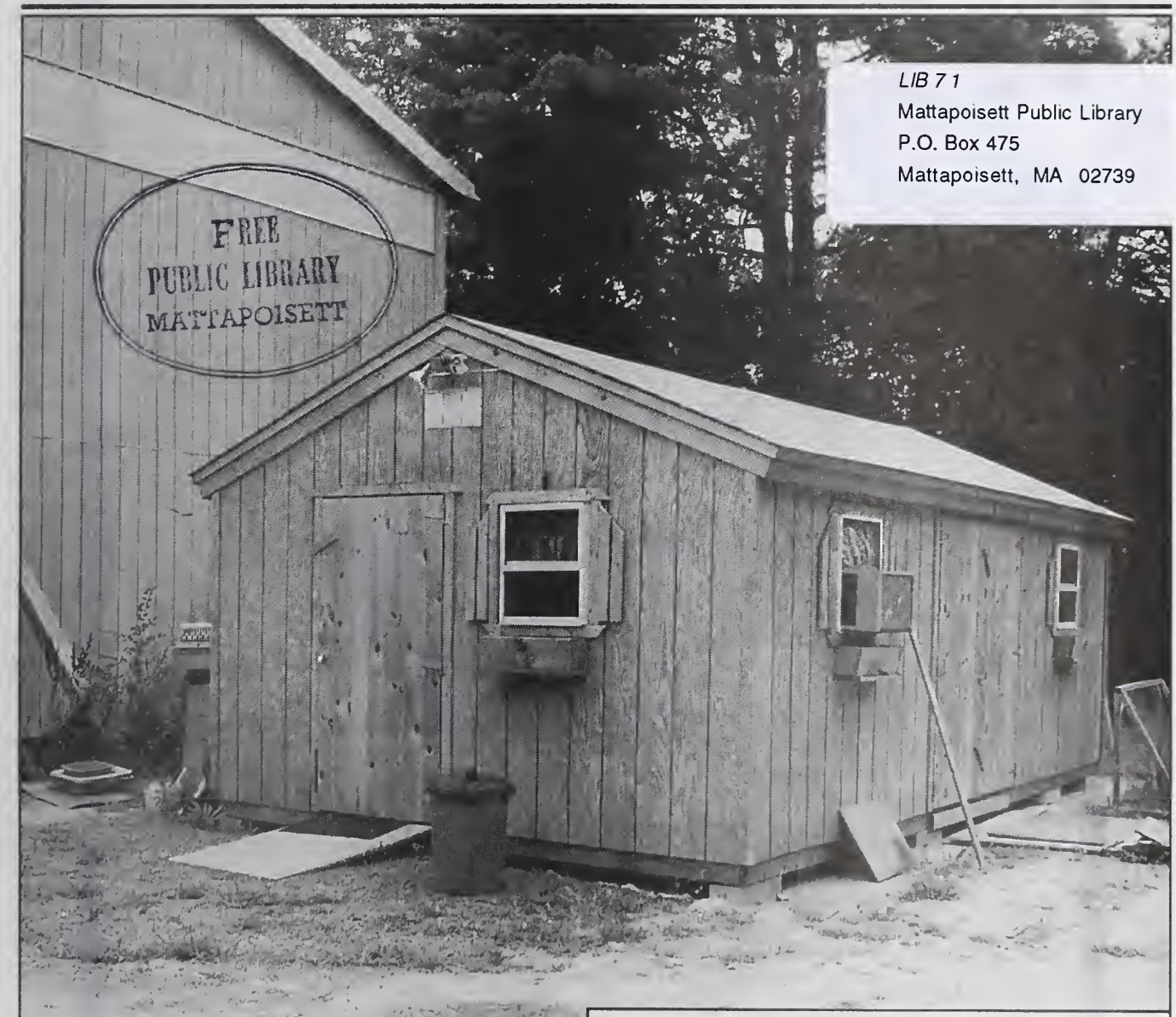

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Animal Umbrella Covers Area Strays

By Kenneth J. Souza

Week after week, you've probably noticed the article in our news section providing updates on stray cats and dogs which have been found in the area and offering an opportunity to adopt one of these as your very own. "Adoptable Animals" has been a regular feature of *The Wanderer* since our first issue in 1992, and the whole thing began as the brainchild of Mary Lou Kobak and the late Priscilla Thompson.

An affiliate of the state-wide program based in the Arlington/Framingham area, the Mattapoisett chapter of Animal Umbrella, Inc. is a non-profit organization which works to find homes for lost, stray or abandoned cats and dogs in the region. The group's efforts are mainly concentrated in Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester, Acushnet, and Fairhaven, and they also work closely with the Fairhaven Animal Shelter to help place dogs in good homes.

According to Ms. Kobak, since starting up the chapter in June of 1991, the group has handled over 3,000 cats either by trapping strays and/or placing them in local homes. The whole thing began when the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen contacted her and Ms. Thompson about helping to curb the rampant stray animal population in the area.

"The Fairhaven Animal Control Officer was picking up cats on Sconticut Neck and destroying them," she said. "The board asked us to come down and talk to them ... and we decided to start up Animal Umbrella."

Working with a corps of dedicated volunteers, Ms. Kobak noted that two-thirds of their workload is still concentrated in Fairhaven, and they have all they can do to cover the other four towns. They've even gotten calls from as far away as Fall River and Rhode Island, but they just can't extend their efforts beyond the immediate area. "We've already got a waiting list a mile long," she said.

More recently, the group has been able to increase its efforts with the addition of a new cattery in Mattapoisett ... although it sadly took a tragic incident to bring that about.

When Ms. Kobak lost her friend and co-founder this past year to a terrible automobile accident, people in the area rallied to support her and the continued work of Animal Umbrella. "We had both wanted a cattery for so long," Ms. Kobak said. "When Priscilla died, in lieu of flowers everyone made donations to Animal Umbrella. We decided to build a cattery (in Mattapoisett) and name it in her memory."

The new Priscilla Thompson Halfway Home, as it has been so-named, is located in Mattapoisett and was built through donations of labor and money. Ms. Kobak noted that Village Signs in Mattapoisett has offered to make a bronze plaque in honor of Ms. Thompson which will be mounted outside the building.

"When (Priscilla's) sons were down this past summer, someone suggested naming it a 'halfway home' for cats, so we kept it," Ms. Kobak said. "Every time I walk in, I say something to (Priscilla). I'm glad we finally have a cattery ... but it's a shame she never got to see it."

The cattery has been a busy place since opening earlier this year. Animal Umbrella currently has 15 kittens and three adult cats staying there, but the structure's maximum capacity is 20 to 25. "The large cages can accommodate several kittens, but all the adult cats have their own cages," Ms. Kobak said.

Despite having a dedicated group of volunteers at her disposal and a new cattery to house cats and kittens recovered from the area, Ms. Kobak noted that they're always in need of more volunteers, temporary foster homes, and donations. "We're going to lose some of the summer students who are going back to school, so we'll need some older, retired people to help us out during the winter months," she said.

Also on the group's "wish list" — bleach, kitty litter, cat and kitten food, wet naps, and paper towels. Monetary donations are also always welcomed and appreciated. Ms. Kobak added that foster homes are often in need for adult cats who can't be kept caged. "If people

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On the cover: *The Priscilla Thompson memorial Halfway Home for stray and abandoned cats in the area is located in Mattapoisett. The structure was built through donations to house cats awaiting adoption in local homes and was named in memory of Animal Umbrella's co-founder who started the local chapter in 1991 with Mary Lou Kobak. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

Cover insert: *The Oxford School on Main Street in North Fairhaven will be the starting point for an historic tour led by Natalie Hemingway to be held on Sunday, August 30 beginning at 3:00 pm. The tour will include the former Dana Farm, the Church of the Good Shepherd, and the Woodside Cemetery and is FREE to the public. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

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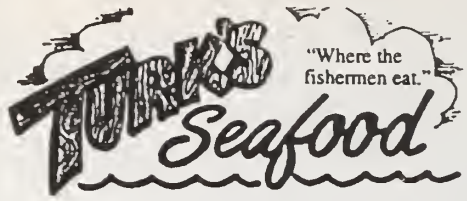

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have a separate room in their home where they can keep an adult cat, a mother and kittens, or a litter of kittens, we could use their help," she said. "We provide the food and other supplies. Some of the cats can't stay in cages, and it's better to keep them in a room in a home."

Should anyone doubt that the efforts of Animal Umbrella aren't yielding results, Ms. Kobak proudly noted that they've helped to get 40 adult cats placed in area homes since January — not an easy task considering the higher demand for young kittens this time of year. "It's working ... it really is," she said. For more information on the Mattapoisett chapter of Animal Umbrella, Inc., please call Mary Lou Kobak at 994-6168.

Walking History

Historic Walking Tour in North Fairhaven

On the afternoon of Sunday, August 30, take a stroll through North Fairhaven with Natalie Hemingway as she guides the second annual North Fairhaven Improvement Association tour of the area between the former Dana Farm and Woodside Cemetery. The tour will begin at 3:00 pm at Oxford School, 347 Main Street.

On the tour you'll learn about *Mayflower* pilgrim John Cooke, inventor Edward Dana, the old "Pink Schoolhouse," Woodside Cemetery, The Church of the Good Shepherd, and more. At the end of the route, members of the Church of the Good Shepherd will serve cool lemonade for all those who walk on the tour. The

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Marion Selectmen's Meeting

August 25, 1998

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Albert E. Winters. Also present were Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer, Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson, and Secretary Helene Craver. Executive Secretary Ray Pickles was not present for the meeting.

After signing and approving treasury warrants #09 and #9 for the week and appr oving the minutes of the August 11 meeting (with Selectman Winters abstaining), the board unanimously voted to appoint the following individuals to the Marion Wastewater Treatment Committee: Selectman Loretta Schaefer, David Dionne, and Karen Walega. Selectman Schaefer noted that these individuals have already met as a committee, but the board had neglected to appoint them prior to this evening.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a letter from Barden's Boat Yard, Inc. requesting permission to store boats at Island Wharf in the event of any storm emergencies this season. Barden's agreed to remove the boats from town property as soon as possible after the storm passes, and will accept full responsibility for cleaning up the lawn or any damage or debris.

Chairman Winters noted that this has been agreed

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upon in the past, but Selectman Schaefer wanted to know if Harbormaster George Jennings consented to this procedure. Ms. Craver noted that Mr. Jennings felt this was the best way to temporarily store boats so that the least amount of damage was incurred during a storm and he was, in fact, supportive of the move. With that, the board unanimously voted to grant permission for Barden's Boat Yard to temporarily store boats on Island Wharf during a storm emergency.

Town Counsel Thomas P. Crotty sent a letter regarding a request for an opinion from Mr. Pickles as to whether the water main which runs from Route 6 along

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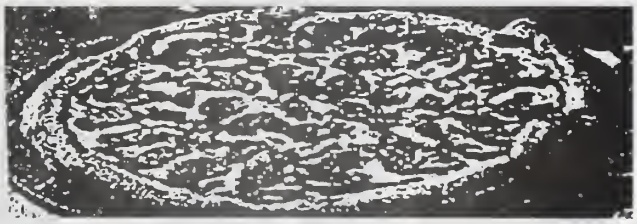

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Selectman Schaefer suggested a copy of this letter be forwarded to Mr. Luttrell.

The Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) next sent some observations made regarding parking and traffic flow in the Marion Village area as per a request of the board. SRPEDD examined the area of Water Street, Main Street, South Street, and Vine Street on Saturday, August 8 during the Buzzards Bay Regatta weekend. SRPEDD noted that the streets are generally narrow and traffic flow is difficult on two-way roads where parking is permitted

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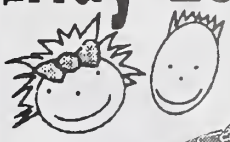

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on both sides of the street. They suggest that off-street parking for the Beverly Yacht Club (BYC) would improve traffic conditions in the area.

SRPEDD also advised that motorists are parking too close to intersections making turning difficult for traffic. "There should be a minimum of 20 feet from the beginning of the intersection to the first parked vehicle ... pavement markings could be used to formally designate the limits of allowable parking," the report stated.

Selectman Dickerson noted that the report really didn't tell them "anything new," but Selectman Schaefer felt that this matter needed to be addressed once again with residents and the members of the BYC. "I'd suggest we invite the neighbors and yacht club (staff) in to discuss this further," she said. The board agreed to schedule an appointment at a future meeting.

Rochester Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge next sent a request to install a 12-inch water main from New Bedford Road to service the ball field on Dexter Lane. All materials to be used will meet the specifications of the Marion Water Department, and Mr. Eldridge said he met with Marion DPW Superintendent Rob Zora and reviewed the plans for the project with him.

Mr. Zora also sent a memo to the board advising that he has reviewed the project and he sees "no problem with granting permission for the installation of this water

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main." With that, the board unanimously voted to grant permission for Mr. Eldridge to install the 12-inch water main as requested.

The Massachusetts Highway Department next sent notification to the board that the town's Chapter 90 disbursement for fiscal year 1999 will total $108,373. This money will be used for road construction and repair projects in Marion. The board noted that this award is slightly higher than last year's disbursement, which was somewhere around $96,000.

Warren Briggs of Holmes Street sent a letter to the board requesting that the "parking-in-puddles" situation at Island Wharf is becoming worse and something should be done to correct this. "Aside from the personal challenge of wearing boots or leaping puddles, parkers encroach on the remaining grass with unattractive consequences," Mr. Briggs wrote. "This would seem easily fixed by removing the mud thus created, and filling

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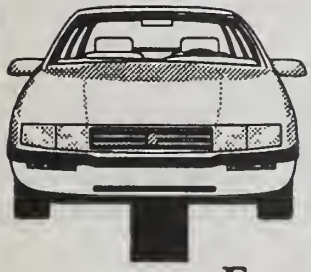

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Selectman Schaefer suggested that this project be added to their "to do" list, and Chairman Winters asked that a copy of this letter be forwarded to DPW Superintendent for his future consideration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Executive Office of Environmental Affairs next sent notification of the Governor's Awards for Open Space Preservation, which are to be presented in October. The board was asked to submit nominations of individuals or groups to the EOEA by September 30. Selectman Dickerson moved that the board nominate the Sippican Lands Trust for all their ongoing work in preserving open space. The board unanimously approved the motion and agreed to submit a letter and nomination form on their behalf.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:20 pm. The board will resume their regular weekly meeting schedule beginning with the next meeting slated for September 1 at 7:00 pm.

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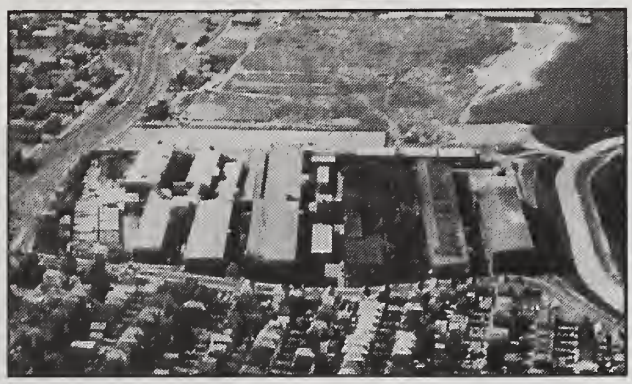

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Mattapoisett Special Town Meeting

August 24, 1998

By Kenneth J. Souza

A Special Town Meeting for the Town of Mattapoisett was called to order by Town Moderator William Blasdale on Monday, August 24 at 7:40 pm in the auditorium of Old Rochester Regional High School having noted the presence of some 220 voters — well over the required quorum of 50. After a Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for Town Meeting members departed, Mr. Blasdale reviewed the procedural rules for the evening and then proceeded with the first of three articles which was presented by Water/Sewer Commissioner James Huntoon.

Under **ARTICLE 1**, voters were asked to approve the assessment of $399,000 through betterment charges to residents to finance the construction and engineering for sewer extensions on Winnatuxett Beach Road, Brierpatch Lane, and Hamlin Road. This work would be paid for in conjunction with grant and/or loan monies acquired by the Water/Sewer Commissioners and added to the work already being done in the Ned's Point area.

"These three roads should have been originally included in the Ned's Point sewer project," Mr. Huntoon said. "It would add another 31 homes to the project, bringing the total cost to $1,912,717. This is about a 24 percent increase in cost ... and about a 24 percent increase in homes served. The residents on the three roads paid for the engineering out of their own pocket."

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Mr. Huntoon went on to say that the Water/Sewer Commission felt that it was wise to take advantage of the work already being done in the Ned's Point area, and they would like to piggy-back these additional connections onto the existing project.

"The Water/Sewer Commission wanted to keep the project going ... our existing capacity with the Fairhaven Treatment Plant is 1,900 homes," Mr. Huntoon said. "We currently have 420 homes connected to the sewer line. Our goal is to reach full capacity."

Resident Carlton Burr raised some interesting issues concerning the potential betterment charges to each homeowner, a figure to which the Water/Sewer Commission had not yet committed. "By not knowing what the betterment charges are, you are forcing the

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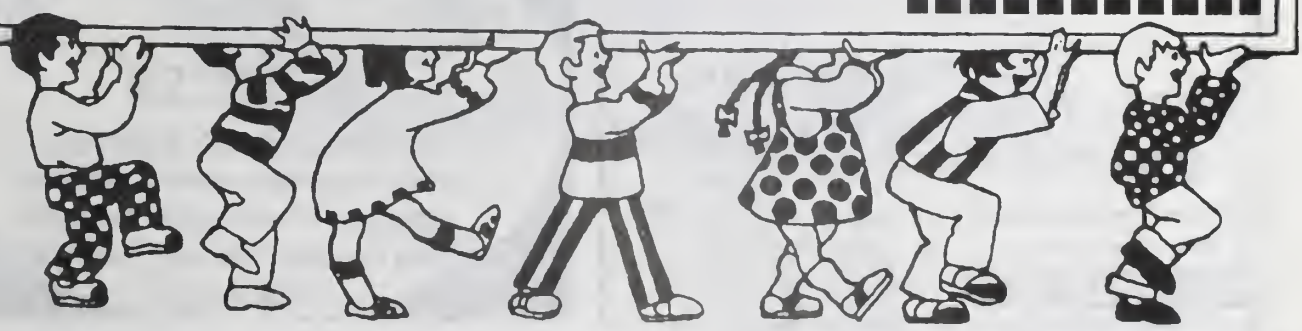

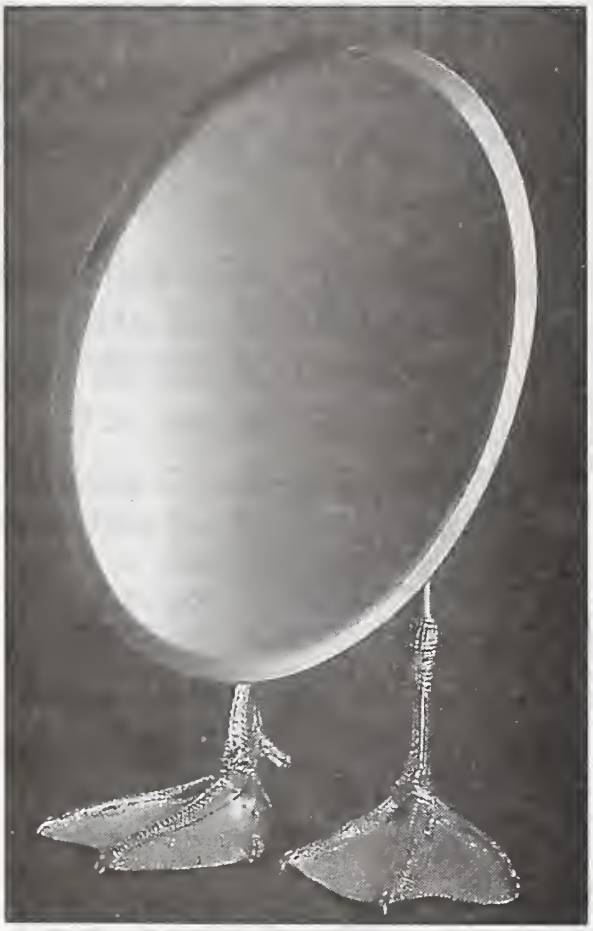

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division of lots ... which is something we don't want for Mattapoisett," Mr. Burr said.

Water/Sewer Commissioner Huntoon agreed that he and his fellow commissioners had not yet committed to a betterment charge because they were looking at various alternatives which could lessen the burden on home owners. "Originally, when we looked at the fee structure for the Ned's Point area, it appeared to be very unfair," he said. "We don't want to come up with a rate structure that's unfair. We're going to hire a professional ... whose job it is to set municipal rate structures."

Mr. Huntoon assured voters, however, that the process of setting the betterment rates would include public hearings and residents' input. The final decision would not be made arbitrarily.

With that, ARTICLE 1, which required a 2/3 vote to pass, was approved via a unanimous vote of Town Meeting floor.

Though **ARTICLE 2** requested a similar sewer project, it was brought forth by a petition from voters. Town Meeting was asked to appropriate $241,500 through a Proposition 2 1/2 Debt Exclusion to cover design and engineering costs for sewer construction in the Point Connett, Crescent Beach, Prospect Road, and Pine Island Road area for further connecting streets referred to as the Buzzards Bay Water Preservation Project.

Finance Committee (FinCom) Chairman Donald Gamache, however, said his committee was not in favor of ARTICLE 2. The FinCom was concerned that the town would be putting up the money for the engineering costs and yet there was no guarantee this money would be paid back.

"Our first feeling was we shouldn't be voting this large (sum) at a summer (Town Meeting) like this," he said. "The FinCom does not recommend this article ...

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although we were informed by Town Counsel that we can add the engineering costs to the betterment charges, we can't amend the article on Town Meeting floor. We feel this should be done at a regular Town Meeting next year. Although we're not against the project, the committee agreed that we should not pursue the project at this time."

But resident Jay Thomas, co-chairman of Home Owners for Extending Sewers in Mattapoisett (HOMES), said the time is right to pursue this project so that they might take advantage of an interest-free loan program from the state. "The state has a budget surplus ... they're offering a 30-year, no-interest loan (for betterment projects)," he said. "Let's seize the opportunity to take advantage of state-subsidized funding while the

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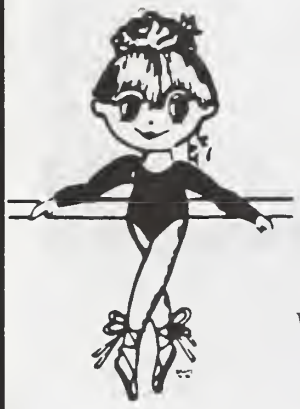
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Resident Bob Norton agreed. "I'm very much in favor of this issue," he said. "I'd be glad to pay back the engineering costs as part of the betterment charge. It's a very small portion of the total bill. If the FinCom likes, I'd be happy to make an amendment at a future Town Meeting to make sure the engineering costs are included with the betterment charges."

Mattapoisett resident and State Representative William Straus also supported the article. "I would encourage passage of the motion ... as we all know, times are good, but history tells us it also doesn't last," he said. "I would caution you that this (subsidy) program is becoming more and more popular. I think now is the time to do it and hope it passes. We'd hate to be in a position three or five years from now where we can't get any funding for the (sewer) project."

At last, Town Meeting voters approved ARTICLE 2 via a majority vote, 220 to 2.

Under **ARTICLE 3**, voters were asked to raise another $141,750 via a Proposition 2 1/2 Debt Exclusion to cover design engineering costs for sewers in the Park Street, Acushnet Road, Driscoll Lane, Ridgewood Road, Crestfield Street, and Harvey Orchard Lane area and connecting streets further referred to as the Mattapoisett River Basic Protection Project.

The other co-chairman of HOMES, Bill Bancroft, moved the article and urged voters to get involved with the organization's efforts to eventually tie everyone into the sewer line as a means of protecting Buzzards Bay. "I've had three failed septic systems in 23 years," he said. "I just recently had a Title V septic system installed which cost $11,000. I welcome a 0 percent loan which could be paid off over a 30-year period as a betterment."

Despite the FinCom's stance to once again not recommend the article, voters had already heard the pros

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and cons as part of the previous article's discussion, and overwhelmingly supported Article 3, 215 to 2.

Mr. Blasdale thanked everyone for attending and urged voters to participate in the October 6 Special Election which would solidify some of the issues passed that evening on Town Meeting floor. The Special Town Meeting was then adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Sports Shorts

By Kenneth J. Souza

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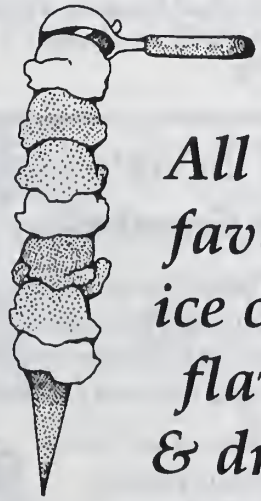

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Information on the Junior Divisions and the Instructional League sign-up dates will be sent through the school and published in the newspaper in late November. The Mattapoisett Recreation Committee hopes the new format and addition of the third graders to the program will be a positive experience for everyone.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Mattapoisett voters can be proud of the manner in which the Special Town Meeting, held on Monday, August 24, was conducted. Interest was high, articles were well presented and intelligently discussed, and final votes of approval were nearly unanimous.

However, I was somewhat surprised and concerned when several attendees rather noisily departed immediately after Article 2 was approved. It was apparent that this article was their only interest. Their failure to remain and support those who still had an article to consider was, in my opinion, thoughtless and perhaps indicated a lack of consideration for others.

Sincerely,
Charles A. Morgan
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To the Editor:

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Sincerely,
Jane C. Welch
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To the Editor:

Have you ever found a message in a bottle on the Massachusetts coast? If so, I want to talk to you.

I am an Arkansas journalist writing a book full of true stories about people finding messages in bottles on shorelines around the world. I particularly want to find people who still possess the original notes they found. I will visit a number of spots on the Massachusetts coast in early September to do research. If you'd like to share a message-in-bottle story with me, give me a call or drop me a line and I'll set up an appointment to meet with you when I arrive in the Mattapoisett area. My phone number is (501) 724-5190. My address is: Dan Parker, 302 Stanley Road, Bald Knob, Arkansas 72010. My e-mail

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I guess this letter to the editor is my own message in a bottle, isn't it? Thanks for picking it up and reading it.

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Coastline Elderly Lunch Menu

Editor's Note: While schools are on summer vacation, the weekly lunch menus for Coastline Elderly Services will appear here in the regular news section. The menu will return to the Regional Lunch Menus page in the fall.

- **Monday, August 31** - Open faced hot turkey sandwich, oatmeal bread, mashed potatoes, carrots, chilled fruit in a light syrup.
- **Tuesday, September 1** - Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian blend vegetables, Vienna bread, chocolate pudding.
- **Wednesday, September 2** - Crumb baked chicken leg, Lyonnaise potatoes, carrot coins, whole wheat bread, fresh fruit.
- **Thursday, September 3** - Macaroni and cheese, escalloped tomatoes, pumpernickel bread, cookie.
- **Friday, September 4** - Meat loaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, peas, oatmeal bread, canned fruit.

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Once again, the local chapter of Animal Umbrella brings good news to area readers — their featured adult cats "Phoebe" and "Scarecrow" have both been adopted into great new homes, both where there are no other cats so they can be the household queens. Almost all of the kittens listed last week have also gone into adoption homes but of course after calling those on the waiting list, the group has found their cattery "Halfway Home" once again filled with newcomers.

The group is happy to announce the addition of several new volunteers to help at the cattery. It only takes an hour of your time either morning or night to complete the task of cleaning, feeding and playing ... so, if you can help, please call and they will fit you into their new fall schedule.

Something very suspicious took place this past week on the corner of Route 6 and North Street in Mattapoisett. Suddenly, there was a mother cat and her two kittens searching for food and seeking shelter at the

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1 lb. Slab Bacon
3 lb. Country Ribs
2 lb. Bnlss Chicken Breast
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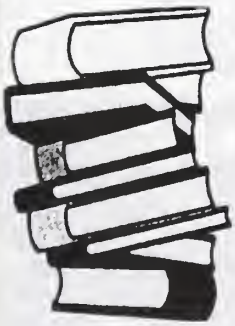

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- Mary Lou at 994-6168;
- Cheryl at 758-9461;
- Jackie at 758-4690.

The group's next Adoption Day will be held at Denise's Pet Care Center on Sunday, August 30 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. Please stop by and see all the wonderful offerings they have.

The Fairhaven Animal Shelter has many wonderful dogs available for adoption. Please call Kristy at 979-4028 to view any of these animals or for more information. Adoption cost is only $5 with a refundable sterilization fee. All dogs have been heartworm-tested and vaccinated against rabies and distemper.

Habitat for Humanity Applications

The Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity is happy to announce that they are ready to build in Wareham and are looking for applicants for their first house. Applications for this home are available for residents of Acushnet, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester, and Wareham in their Town Halls and Libraries. The deadline for applying is October 1, 1998.

The Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit, ecumenical ministry that works to build decent, affordable houses for people in the area, is also looking for more volunteers. Habitat for Humanity International seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness throughout the world. People of all faiths and from all walks of life are encouraged to volunteer.

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Maconchu Bowling League

Bowling for the Maconchu (Mattapoisett Congregational Church) Club will begin for the season on Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 pm. For anyone who might be interested in subbing in the league, they bowl at the Bowlmor Lanes in Mattapoisett (Route 6) every Thursday night at 7:00 pm and are always happy to add the name of a new bowler to their roster.

For more information, please call Fran and Bill Armitage at 758-2290, or Jim Harris at 758-2349. Regular bowlers who need a substitute should call Fran and Bill Armitage at the above number. If no answer, please call Jim Harris.

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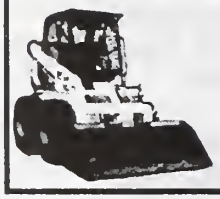

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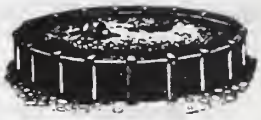

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Registration will be held from 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, September 23 at Sippican, Inc. and classes will begin at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 30. For more information, please contact Renelle LeBlanc at 295-9121 or Joan Andersen at 758-3545.

Plumb Memorial Library - Rochester

Summer Reading

The Plumb Memorial Library would like to congratulate all those who participated in this year's Summer Reading Program. Over 100 children participated in the program, and enjoyed activities from yoga to Chinese cooking. At the final party, readers were

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The library is pleased to accept a gift of safety-related books and videos donated by John and Lynne Bernier. The Berniers donated the books and videos to the library to express their gratitude to the EMT's, firefighters, police, and dispatchers who helped their family during a time of crisis. The books and videos are geared for children and their parents, grandparents, and caregivers, and cover fire, water, home and bicycle safety, as well as swimming lessons and CPR for infants and children. The library thanks the couple for their generosity.

Library Website

Don't forget to check out the library's website at http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Acropolis/5769/index.html. A recent addition to the site is a historical sketch of the town by Mary Hall Leonard titled "Old Rochester and Her Daughter Towns: Marion, Mattapoisett, and Wareham." This sketch, written in the early part of the century, gives an overview of the origins of Rochester and some of her residents.

Library Hours

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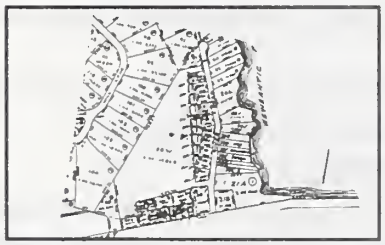

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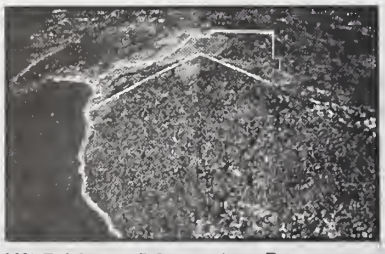

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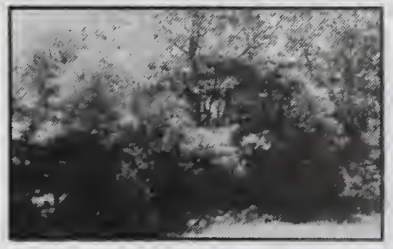

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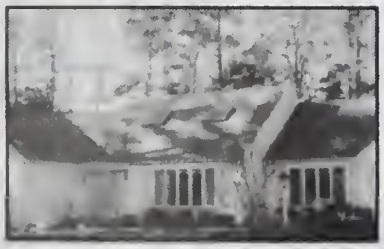

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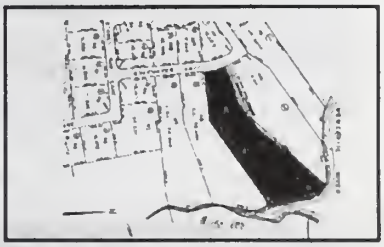

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Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers

The Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers' next monthly dance will be held on Saturday, September 12 at the Acushnet Elementary School on Middle Road from 8:00 to 11:00 pm. The level will be mainstream-plus and will include square and round dancing. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 995-7204.

Friends of the Fairhaven Bike Path

Craig della Penna, author of the book *The Great Trails of the Northeast*, will be speaking on September 11 at 7:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mattapoisett in an event sponsored by the Friends of the Fairhaven Bike Path. Updates from different communities on their bike path plans will be made at this time. In addition, representatives from different communities will be present to give the public an update on the progress of bike path projects in their communities.

Tri-County Band Rehearsals

Rehearsals for the 37th concert season of the Tri-County Symphonic Band will begin on September 8 at 8:00 pm in the music department practice room at Old

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The Tri-County Symphonic Band concert series is made possible by grants from local cultural councils in Wareham, Carver, Marion, Rochester, Fairhaven, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, Dartmouth, New Bedford, and Fall River, who in turn are supported by the

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Gospel Singer in Marion

The Tremont Advent Christian Camp Meeting Association (TACCA), 45 Oakdale Avenue in Marion, will present Bob Thompson in concert on August 29 at 7:00 pm. He is a contemporary gospel singer who has appeared on Christian TV and radio programs. He has also sang the National Anthem for several sporting events. A special supper will be served at 5:00 pm and a free will offering will be taken for the meal and concert.

ORR School District

School Opening

The Old Rochester Regional High School, the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, and the elementary schools of Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester will begin the school year for students on Tuesday, September 1. Please note that this is a day earlier than in past years.

Friends of the Elderly - Mattapoisett

The Annual Senior Picnic sponsored by the Friends of the Elderly was held Saturday in Mattapoisett. There were approximately 80 people attending and hopefully all had a good time. Entertainment was provided by Janet Liljedahl who very aptly sang songs remembered by all. Many door prizes were given out and also the drawing for the Mattapoisett lamp was held. The lucky winner is Janie Brackett of Seekonk. A copy of George Avila's book was also given to Ms. Liljedahl in gratitude for the time spent with the Friends' group.

Marion Concert Band

On Monday, August 31, the Marion Concert Band will conclude its 1998 season with a concert featuring the music of film composer John Williams and the Boston Pops Orchestra. The program, which includes several pieces frequently performed by the Pops, is as follows:

"National Anthem," "Knightsbridge March" (E. Coates), "Procession of the Nobles" (N. Rimskey-Korsakov), "Bugler's Holiday" (L. Anderson; with John Smialek, Philip Hague and Wayne LePage as buglers), "Raiders of the Lost Ark" Medley (J. Williams), Theme from "E.T." (J. Williams), "Jurassic Park" Soundtrack Highlights (J. Williams).

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John Smialek is a founding member of the New England Brass Quartet. He has performed with the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, Springfield Symphony Orchestra, and the Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra. Philip Hague is currently principal trumpet with the Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra. Wayne LePage is a member of the Taunton Star Players Theater Orchestra and the Fall River Little Theater Orchestra.

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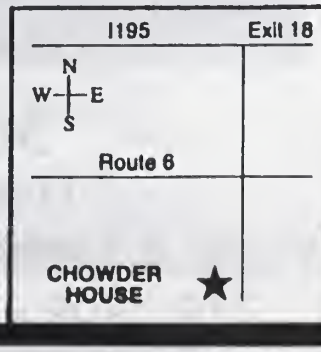

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Bog Meeting in Rochester

An Informatinal Meeting on Living Near a Cranberry Bog will be held at the Rochester Memorial School on Thursday, August 27 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. This meeting has been organized and is sponsored by the Rochester Conservation Commission (ConCom) in order to provide a forum for questions that neighbors may have about cranberry farming.

Such topics will include: "Why do you use helicopters?"; "How is water used in the cranberry production?"; "Why are there flags on the bog?"; and "Who regulates pesticide usage?" These are questions heard by the ConCom from neighbors of cranberry bogs. The ConCom recognizes that although neighbors and growers share surrounding areas, they don't always take the time to learn and appreciate the differences. The ConCom has invited regional professionals to talk about common farm practices, pesticides/fertilizers, and wetlands issues. At least one hour will be devoted to questions and answers.

This invitation is being sent to over 500 neighbors and growers who live within 200 feet of a cranberry bog. If you know of any friends or neighbors who might be interested, please tell them about the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

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Rochester Council on Aging

Upcoming Events

• Thursday, August 27 - Tole Painting at Senior Center, 9:00 am to 11:00 am;

• Saturday, August 29 - SHARE (SERVE) Pick-Up between 11:00 am and 12:30 pm (packages will not be held);

• Monday, August 31 - Shopping at Christmas

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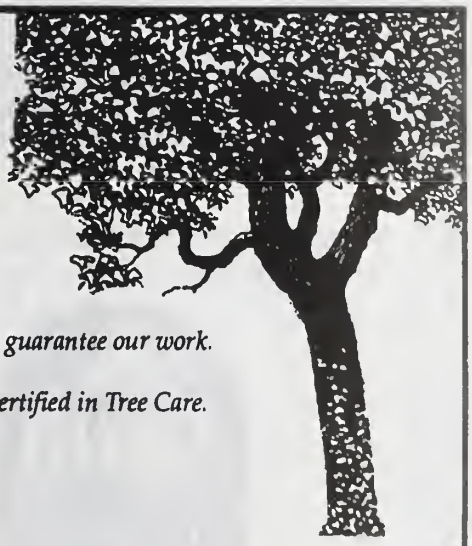

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Harpoon Harmonizers in Acushnet

The award-winning barbershop group, The Harpoon Harmonizers, will perform once more at their favorite venue, the Long Plain Friends Meetinghouse, 1341 Main Street in Acushnet on Saturday, August 29 at 7:00 pm. The final concert of the 1998 season of the free "Music at the Meetinghouse" series will once again feature the Harmonizers, the most popular performing group of its 11-year history, in a nostalgic program on the lawn under the century-old hickory tree.

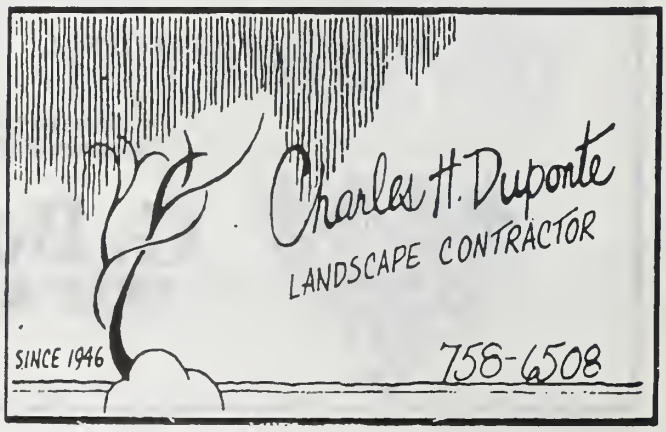
As usual, audiences are requested to bring a folding chair or blanket (or even a picnic supper). Free refreshments are served during intermission and free tours of the Quaker Museum are offered beginning at 5:30 pm.

Poster Volunteers Wanted for Z

New Bedford's Zeiterion Theater Volunteer Association is seeking dedicated volunteers interested in joining its poster brigade. A 1998-1999 commitment is required (September 1998 through July 1999), as is finding a minimum of 15 sites in which to hang posters that advertise upcoming performances. The following communities require additional coverage: downtown New Bedford, Fall River, South Dartmouth, Rochester, Marion, Lakeville, Freetown, Bourne, Mattapoisett, Westport, Swansea, Somerset, Fairhaven, and Acushnet. To find out more about this opportunity, please stop by the Zeiterion Theater at 684 Purchase Street in New Bedford. The Z is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm to fill out a volunteer application, or call 997-5664.

Midd-Town Square Dance Club

Members of the Midd-Town Twirlers Square Dance Club will hold a "Welcome Back Dance" on September 19 at 8:00 pm at the Centre Methodist Church Hall on the corner of Center and Walnut Streets in Fairhaven. Dennis Marsh will call, with a featured guest cuer to be announced. The level is mainstream-plus. For



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This week is the last opportunity you have to see the fine "History of the Harbor" exhibit at the Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House, 5 Church Street in Mattapoisett. The museum will close its regular summer season on Saturday, August 29.

As of this writing, 524 people have visited the museum this summer, including the record 263 who came over Harbor Days. The museum staff thanks all for coming and hopes you will return and consider becoming members of the Historical Society. Memberships are: Life Members/Family - $200; Life Members/Individual - $150;

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The Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House will be open through Saturday, August 29 from 1:00 to 4:30 pm. Admission is $2 for adults and 50 cents for children. Don't forget they also have a small gift corner with such things as self-guiding walking tours of the village, note paper, postcards of Mattapoisett scenes, the new "History is Here" t-shirts, and other items of historical interest.

Craft Fair in Rochester

The First Congregational Church of Rochester will be holding their 25th Annual Craft Fair and Flea Market on the green at the church (Route 105, Rouseville Road). The fair will be held on Saturday, September 5 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (rain date: Monday, September 7). Come and join them for shopping, eating and fellowship.

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Registration envelopes for CCD Classes have been mailed. Please return them by Monday, August 31. Once your child is registered, a letter informing you of the day and time of your child's class will be mailed in two weeks before classes begin. Classes will meet as follows:

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• Sunday - Grade 1 - October 4 - 9:15 to 10:15 am;

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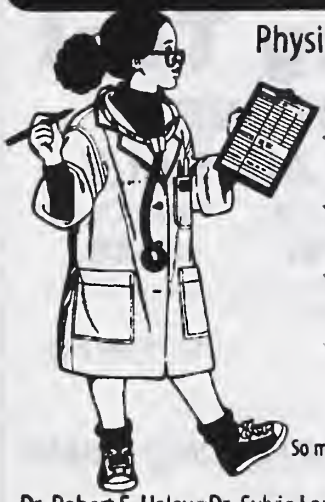

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Pick up for Route 1 will be on the first and third Tuesday of the month. These areas include: Andrew Burke Lane, Ashley Brook Lane, Bradford Estates, Braley Hill Road, Briarwood Lane, Dr. Braley Road, Featherbed Lane, Hartley Road, Neck Road, North Avenue, Old

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Movie Review

Game Slayer

BY ROB GONSALVES
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■ *Blade*. Starring Wesley Snipes and Stephen Dorff. Directed by Stephen Norrington. Running time: 120 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 140 in New Bedford.

The depressing thing about a glut of bad movies — this whole summer's offerings, pretty much — is that they lower your expectations and also your standards. *Blade*, the latest MTV-PlayStation software, isn't anything great — some of it isn't any good at all — but compared to tripe like *Godzilla* and last week's *The Avengers*, it looks like a Fritz Lang film. The movie is fast and painless and sometimes agreeably cheesy, with a string of solid supporting performances. Coming at the end of this particular summer, it's neither a highlight nor a lowlight; it's a mediumlight, I suppose. I wasn't bored, but I wasn't excited either.

Blade, the half-vampire "daywalker" whose mission in life is to dispatch as many bloodsuckers as possible, began life in the '70's as a popular character in the Marvel comic book *Tomb of Dracula*. Blade's mother, you see, was bitten by a vamp while pregnant with Blade; vampirism ran in his veins, so his obsession carried a personal twist beyond the standard you-killed-my-mother-prepare-to-die vendetta. As comic-book heroes go, Blade (at least in his '70's incarnation — I'm not familiar with the more recent Marvel comics) was tough and driven but also witty. His creator, Marv Wolfman, always made sure to write sharp dialogue for him, and Wolfman even gave Blade the unlikely partner Hannibal King, a turncoat vampire.

Good old Hannibal is missing from the movie *Blade*, and so is 99 percent of Blade's personality. As played by Wesley Snipes (also one of the producers), he's a big hunk of wood with a stylish haircut and an arsenal that puts Rambo's to shame. Blade is such a stoic bad-ass that you keep wanting to laugh, but Snipes — who is not a humorless man, as his performances elsewhere certify — never quite lets you. He takes Blade and this movie far too seriously, never

riding with the absurdity of it or showing the redeeming charisma of, say, Chow Yun-Fat. In his review, Roger Ebert ranked *Blade* among New Line's other recent genre pictures *Dark City* and *Spawn*. I would, too — they're all grim-faced, pompous comic-book movies for people who think narrative begins and ends with Todd McFarlane.

First-time director Stephen Norrington seems to know there's nothing going on with Snipes, because he surrounds the star with colorful actors, such as Stephen Dorff as the nasty, ambitious vampire Deacon Frost (since he and Snipes have both played transvestites, think of their final conflict as the Battle of the Drag Queens), N'Bushe Wright as a hematologist whose blood research comes in mighty handy, Kris Kristofferson as Blade's grizzled old mentor and weapons specialist, and the great Udo Kier as a genetically "pure" vampire. Kier, who once played the big-cheese vampire in the cult classic *Blood for Dracula*, gives his scenes a dash of welcome Teutonic flavor; too bad he doesn't have much else to do.

Neither does Blade, really. Oh, he's active as all get-out — every reel or so, he shows up at some vamp hang-out, unsheathes his sword, and gives the director another excuse for pounding techno music and Cuisinart editing. But compared to the Blade of the comics, this hero is dumb bordering on suicidal; he never seems to have a strategy aside from crashing vampire parties. The old Blade relied more on smarts than on brute strength and superior firepower. That's what's missing from *Blade*, and what makes it a reasonably diverting video-game of a movie but not successful entertainment.

Movie Listings

■ CINEMA 140

376 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, MA.
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Friday (August 28) through Thursday (September 3)

Saving Private Ryan (R) – 12:00, 3:15, 6:30, 9:50
Dead Man on Campus (R) – 12:15, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15
54* (R) – 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30
Dance With Me (PG) – 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Blade (R) – 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
Wrongfully Accused (PG-13) – 12:30, 5:00, 9:45
The Mask of Zorro (PG-13) – 2:20, 7:20

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Friday (August 28) through Thursday (September 3)

Armageddon (PG-13) – Fri/Sun-Thu: 1:40, 4:40, 7:40; Sat: 1:00, 3:50, 9:00
The Parent Trap (PG) – 1:20, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
There's Something About Mary (R) – 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 9:40
Return to Paradise (R) – 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
Air Bud 2 (G) – 1:00, 3:00, 4:50
Halloween H20 (R) – 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:30
Lethal Weapon 4 (R) – 6:40, 9:10
Disturbing Behavior (R) – 7:10, 9:10
Mulan (G) – 1:10, 3:00, 5:00
The Avengers (PG-13) – 1:00, 3:00, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20
Madeline (PG) – 1:10, 3:10, 5:10
Dr. Dolittle (PG-13) – 6:50, 9:00
Snake Eyes (R) – 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:10
How Stella Got Her Groove Back (R) – 1:40, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20
Ever After (PG-13) – 1:30, 4:10, 6:40, 9:00
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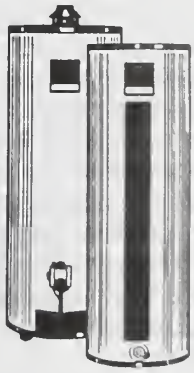

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- Front Street – suspicious person
- Main Street – parking violation
- Island Wharf Road – parking violation
- Front Street – disturbance/gathering
- Partridge Place – disturbance
- Emil's Way – animal complaint
- Point Road – motor vehicle accident
- Front Street – animal complaint
- Edgewater Lane – animal complaint
- Shell Heap Road – officer wanted
- Wings Cove – waterways complaint
- Partridge Place – family disturbance/assault and battery/adult arrest (assault)
- Delano Road – trespassing
- Bayview Road – general disturbance
- Front Street – found property
- Front Street – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Vine Street – animal complaint
- Front Street – animal complaint
- Point Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Abels Way – animal complaint
- County Road – officer wanted
- Rezendes Terrace – vandalism/past
- Front Street – animal complaint
- Front Street – disturbance
- Front Street - animal complaint
- West River Road - animal complaint
- Moorings Road – noise complaint.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of August 16 through August 22, 1998:

- North Street – adult arrest
- Acushnet Road – harassing phone calls
- Goodspeed Island – speeding complaint
- Goodspeed Island – shellfishing complaint
- County Road – general disturbance
- Ocean View Avenue – disturbance/house party
- Ship Yard Lane – harassing phone calls
- Main Street – burglary/breaking and entering
- Fairhaven Road – lost and found
- Main Street – larceny from motor vehicle
- Silver Shell Avenue – general disturbance
- North Street – suspicious activity/persons
- Acushnet Road – burglary/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Railroad Avenue – larceny of boots/theft from building
- Park Street – dog bite reported
- Shore Drive – harassing phone calls
- Railroad Avenue – parking complaint
- Brant Beach Avenue – harassing phone calls
- Industrial Drive – motor vehicle accident
- Water Street – disturbance/noise complaint
- Barstow Street – safe keeping property (bicycle)
- Church Street – vandalism/past
- Harvey Orchard Lane – suspicious activity/persons
- Prospect Drive – dog barking complaint
- Reservation Road – disturbance/unwanted person
- Holly Lane – gas odor
- Marion Road – minor motor vehicle accident.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of August 18 through August 24, 1998:

- Route 105 – suspicious motor vehicle
- New Bedford Road – animal complaint
- Walnut Plain Road – animal complaint
- New Bedford Road – animal complaint
- Adrian's Package Store – animal complaint
- High Street – adult arrest (warrant)
- North Avenue – adult arrest (operating with revoked license)
- Walnut Plain Road – adult arrest (default warrant)
- Pine Street – animal complaint
- Outdoor World – officer wanted
- Post Office – suspicious motor vehicle
- Marion Road – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
- Walnut Plain Road – animal complaint
- Marion Road – animal complaint
- Dexter Lane – hazardous material
- Neck Road – civil complaint
- New Bedford Road – adult arrest (license revoked)
- Bates Road – officer wanted
- Rounseville Road – larceny
- High Street – animal complaint
- Mary's Pond Road – suspicious activity
- Edward's Lane – officer wanted
- Vaughn Hill Road – suspicious motor vehicle.

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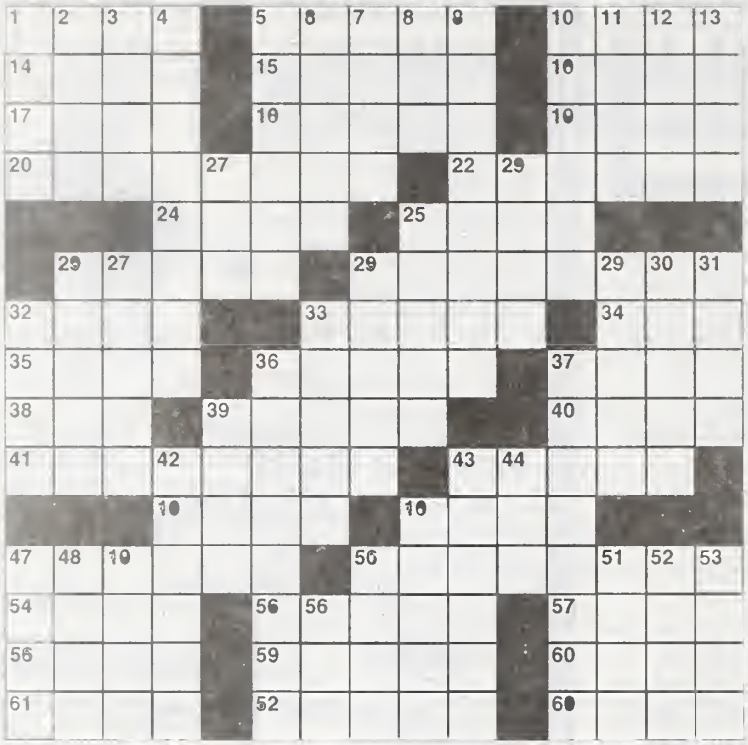

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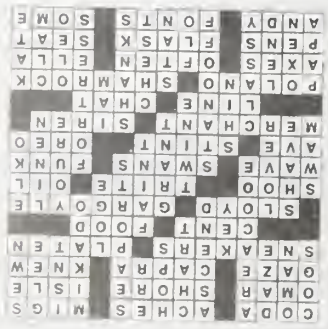

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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Weekly Tip: This is the last week the sun's in Leo. Leo is a wild, enthusiastic sign, interested in sports and all kinds of outdoor activities.

Aries (March 21-April 19). Stay close to home and entertain your sweetheart there, for an excellent romantic interlude.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Run errands. You'll find some excellent bargains, specifically because you're looking for them.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Save your money, gather in more and figure out your budget. You'll have a chance to teach and learn, perhaps simultaneously.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). You've got a lucky streak going. You're strong and good looking. Go buy yourself something you've been wanting.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Finish up old business, specifically paying off old debts. You're awesome.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your friends show you all kinds of ways to save money. Talk to them about that. You'll learn so much that you can afford to take them all out to lunch.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Pay attention to protocol. You'll have to play catch-up if you left anything out, and that would be a real tragedy.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Business travel looks excellent. If you can't get away, at least make the contacts.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Think about your future. It won't hurt to have a little stashed away. These are good days to buy provisions, if you're going to go backpacking.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Try to avoid arguments about money. The other person's way too emotional and not nearly logical enough to understand your reasoning.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Rely on your partner to handle work you don't like. That'll give you more time to do something you're good at.

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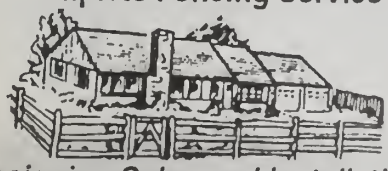

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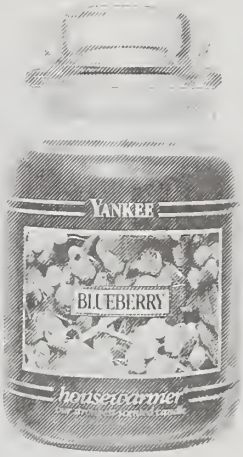

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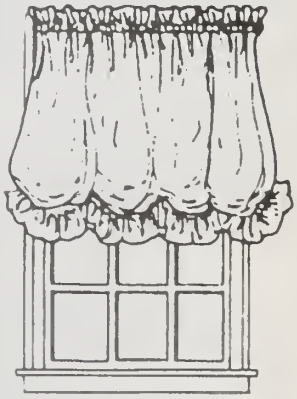

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By Deanna Gugel

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4 slices ham
2 English muffins
1/2 cup butter
1 T lemon juice
1 T sherry
dash cayenne pepper
dash tarragon
1 T water

To start, prepare your Hollandaise sauce. Fill the bottom half of a double boiler. Heat until the water is hot but not boiling. If it starts to boil, immediately add 2 T cold water. Remove 1 T of heated water and place it in the top of the double boiler with lemon juice and sherry. Add the butter 1 T at a time. Stir constantly with a wire whisk, scraping the sides and bottom of the boiler until smooth but stiff. Remove the sauce from the heat and gradually add the rest of the butter, following the same process. Season to taste with the cayenne pepper and tarragon. Turn heat to low to keep warm. Meanwhile, boil the ham in water until cooked throughout. Remove from the heat. Toast the English muffins and cut in half. Set the cooked ham on the muffin halves. Lightly grease a skillet or saucepan and fill with water until it is about an inch deep. Heat until boiling. If it actually starts to boil, add 2 T cold water. Crack the eggs one at a time into a saucer and gently slop the egg into the water in the skillet or saucepan. Heat until the egg is barely cooked, being careful not to break the yolk. Remove the eggs from the water with a spatula and slip onto the top of the ham slices. Pour a generous coat of Hollandaise sauce over the eggs and serve immediately.

TRIVIALITIES

1. What actor portrayed Robin Hood in the 1938 classic?
2. How many Robin Hood films have there been?
3. What actor portrayed Robin Hood in the 1991 film *"Robin Hood Prince of Thieves"*?
4. Audrey Hepburn portrayed Lady Marian in what 1976 Robin Hood film?
5. In the film *"Robin & Marian"* who portrayed Robin Hood?
6. Lady Marian was played by what actress in the 1938 film version of *"Robin Hood"*?
7. Who directed the film *"Robin Hood: Men In Tights"*?

ANSWERS TO TRIVIALITIES

1. Errol Flynn, 2. 10, 3. Kevin Costner, 4. *"Robin and Marian,"* 5. Sean Connery, 6. Olivia de Havilland, 7. Mel Brooks

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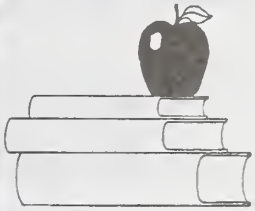

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Print Exhibit

An exhibition of original prints is now on display at the Marion Art Center. The featured artists are Sandra Bilodeau, Mary Dawson, and Gail Marie Nauen. Each one works in a different print medium with styles unique to their personal interpretations of flowers, landscapes, objects and other images.

Sandra Bilodeau has been working in silk screen printing for the past six years. She has taken various art courses at UMass Dartmouth for the past 17 years and recently decided to concentrate on silk screening. She lives in Mattapoisett and has a studio in her home. This is her first show in a three-person exhibit.

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Gail Marie Nauen is a graphic designer and printmaker who works out of her Old Main Street home in Carver, MA. Ms. Nauen primarily works in monotypes and oil bar on paper. Several years ago Ms. Nauen decided to focus on local landscapes, especially the cranberry bogs.

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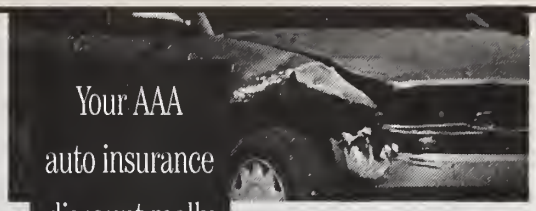

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Sippican School will be open to receive donated articles Monday through Thursday, September 14 to 17 (9:00 am to 4:00 pm). For information on the sale, please call JoAnne Gibbs (748-3822). To arrange for pick up of a large item or a large load, please call Craig Parker (763-5245).

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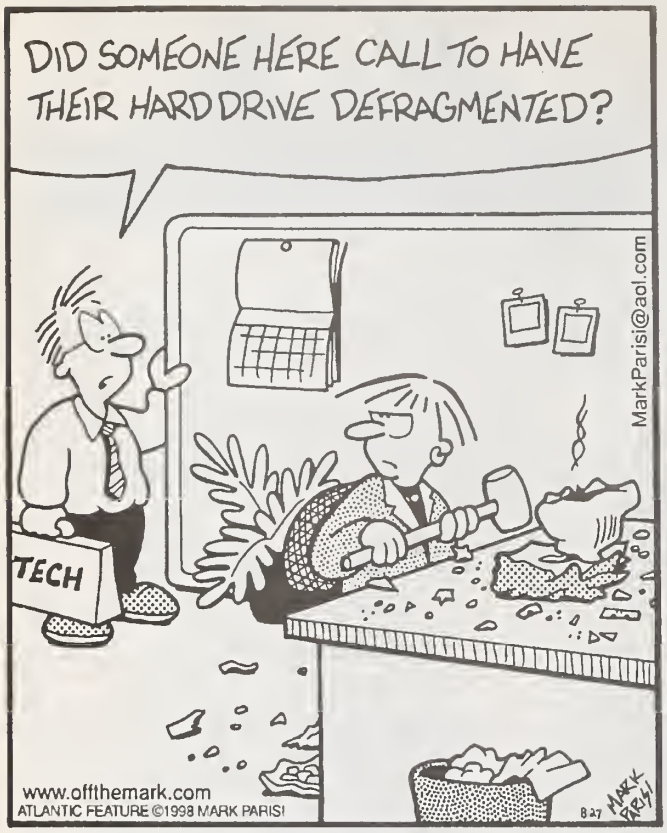

Local Tides

Date	Day	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
August 27:	Thur.	. . .	12:15	5:03	5:30
August 28:	Fri.	12:32	1:02	5:39	6:12
August 29:	Sat.	1:21	1:54	6:21	7:02
August 30:	Sun.	2:17	2:50	7:10	8:00
August 31:	Mon.	3:16	3:47	8:08	9:08
September 1:	Tues.	4:15	4:42	9:13	10:18
September 2:	Wed.	5:10	5:35	10:21	11:20
September 3:	Thur.	6:02	6:24	11:24	. . .
September 4:	Fri.	6:50	7:12	12:13	12:22
September 5:	Sat.	7:36	7:59	1:01	1:15
September 6:	Sun.	8:24	8:46	1:46	2:05
September 7:	Mon.	9:11	9:33	2:31	2:54
September 8:	Tues.	10:00	10:23	3:16	3:44
September 9:	Wed.	10:49	11:13	4:02	4:35
September 10:	Thur.	11:32	. . .	4:49	5:29
September 11:	Fri.	12:07	12:38	5:39	6:28
September 12:	Sat.	1:05	1:38	6:35	7:37
September 13:	Sun.	2:08	2:42	7:39	9:02

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	Last Quarter	September 12th
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